

## Local Matters.

Cotton brought 7½ cents yesterday on this market.

For Board:—apply at H B Par-Due's.

Fresh fish and oysters at my market Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. S T Blackmon.

Miss Lizzie Stevens, of Kershaw, is here on a visit to relatives and friends.

Rev R D Perry, of Chester, spent several days with relatives here this week.

Rev G W Gardner, who has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Heath Spring Baptist church, will continue to reside in Greenwood.

Col Leroy Springs attended the meeting of the Southern Cotton Spinners Association held at Charlotte Thursday.

Remember that the clerk of court will sell a very valuable town lot and residence at public auction next Monday. See ad.

Married, at the Baptist parsonage, on Sunday last by Rev J H Boldridge, Mr Vester Wilson and Miss Mattie Guess, both of this place.

Married, on Wednesday last, by Rev S N Watson, Mr Ira Hardin and Miss — Hunter.

A chimney at the home of Mrs S L Lindsey fell last Thursday. Fortunately no one was near it at the time.

Our young friend, Master Carter Parks, has our thanks for a good sample of his sweet potato crop.

The funniest of all funny comedies, "A Jay from Jaysville," at the Opera House Wednesday night, Nov 8th. Reserved seats on sale at Mackey & Co's.

Mr Amos Mungo, who lives in the Charlesboro neighborhood, had a cotton house blown down by the gale last Monday night. Considerable damage was done as the house contained about twenty five bales of seed cotton.

### Death of a Good Citizen

Mr. Joseph T Bell, a good, peaceable, law-abiding citizen, died at the home of his son, Mr H F Bell, at this place on Saturday last, Oct. 28th, after a protracted illness of dysentery. Mr Bell was a native of this county and would have been 64 years old the 7th day of this month, having been born Nov 7, 1835. He had been a member of the Methodist church for over forty years, and lived consistent with his profession. He served through the Confederate war with Capt Foster's company and made a good soldier. He leaves surviving him, his widow and five children, Messrs T. S., H. F., H. W., and E. M. Bell, and Mrs J Q Connor. His remains were interred at Camp Creek church last Sunday.

During his illness, Mr J P Hunter and other friends were very kind and attentive to him, and the family requests us to return their sincere thanks to them.

### Gin Accident.

Mr. Luther J Horton met with a painful accident at the gin of Mr T W McMurray at Jacksonham last Tuesday afternoon, having his right arm caught in the gin belt and badly cut. Dr. Poovey dressed the wound.

Grip makes one sick, weary and restless. Dr. Miller's Restorative Nervine brings rest.

### Coming Nuptials.

Invitations have been issued to the marriage of Mr N Barto Cousar to Miss Nannie, daughter of Mr and Mrs N P Robinson. The happy event will take place at the residence of the bride's parents at 2 o'clock p m, Wednesday, Nov 15th.

Cards have been received here by relatives of Mr Will H Crockett, announcing his marriage, which will take place at 8 p m, next Wednesday to Miss Cora, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Miller, at Blooming Grove, Texas.

### For The Ledger. VAN WYCK ITEMS.

From repeated reports of gunning around Van Wyck it might seem that the seat of war has been transferred near us, and that the Spaniard, Filipino, Boer or Britisher might be met by ye American at any time. The commotion has been caused by the expiration of the bird law and some of our celebrated Nimrods have been trying their new fowling pieces. A trio reported on their first day 22 birds, one rabbit and one opossum and only fifty shots.

Mrs. Optimus has been resting easy for months, over the departure of our house and barn rats. Our good friend, John, over the branch, has been feasting the little rodents around and about his premises all summer. He has been so liberal and kind that all the neighborhood rats have made their home with him and feasted and fattened on his crib of corn, but it has been plentiful enough and he had to remove his old supply, to make room for the new. His crop is good again and his fattened rats will be at home for another season.

We did not suffer much from the rain and wind of the early part of the week. Cotton that had been open for some time was blown out and somewhat damaged but most farmers were about up with theirs, and the loss will not amount to much. The rain put a temporary stop to corn gathering, and grain sowing, but these are again being pushed. Some timber was blown down. A large pine tree, standing near Van Wyck school house, was blown down Monday night against the house and slightly damaged it.

Cedar Camp, Woodman of the World, at Van Wyck will give a hot supper on Thursday night, Nov. 16th, proceeds to go to furnishing the Woodman hall. All have a cordial invitation to attend. The camp's regular monthly meeting will be on the same night and several new members will be initiated in the protection degree. Members from other camps are invited to meet with the fraternity. Cedar Camp is growing rapidly and welcomes all who are worthy of woodcraft.

White Oak, colored, A M E Z church entertained the District Conference last week. Rev Martin, pastor, invited our white citizens to attend when convenient, which some did and were very much pleased with the sermons and addresses of some scholarly Divines present. Elder Killingsworth of Chester presided. Mr. E D Tillman had the honor of making the welcome address of the whites, which was well received and heartily responded to by several colored ministers present.

Mrs J M Yoder and Miss Sugar Tillman spent several days this week, visiting friends in Waxhaw, while there they witnessed the Harris-Nuttall marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. R H Massey visited Mrs. Massey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fudge, near Fort Lawn this week.

Several parties have been around Van Wyck this week looking for escaped chain gang convicts.

OPTIMUS.

### CHESTER JURY SCORED BY JUDGE BUCHANAN.

For Failing to Agree on Verdict in Walker-Howie Case—The Citizens are Indignant.

#### Special to The State:

Chester, S C, Nov 1—At 5:30 o'clock last evening the case of Walker against Howie went to the jury. The court house had been crowded to its full capacity all day. All interests have been centered upon the court house. The case has been all the more interesting on account of the testimony of the prosecuting witnesses and the close business and friendly relation of these witnesses to Solicitor Henry. Mr Joseph A Walker is the foremost grocer of the city of Chester, and is owner of the new pressbrick building of which so much has been published of late. The testimony in the case was very interesting.

The counsel for the defense, Paul Hemphill and S E McFadden, made a splendid fight, and delivered two very exhaustive and forcible arguments.

Solicitor Henry made a fine speech in closing the case, and was ably assisted by R B Caldwell, Esq., the youngest attorney at the bar.

The jury remained closeted all night, and, after repeated appeals to the judge, was allowed freedom at 10:30 this morning. On their coming out, Judge Buchanan made remarks to these citizens of Chester county that created surprise and indignation in the court room. The jury stood 6 for acquittal and 6 for conviction, and stated to the court this morning, after repeated appeals to the judge during the night, that an agreement was impossible. Judge Buchanan, in a sneering manner of disgust, told the foreman and jury that their failure to agree was a scandal; that it was plain to him that they lacked manhood and intelligence enough to render the popular verdict. He ridiculed them severely and ordered, abruptly, that they disperse and get something to eat and see if they couldn't do better.

The jury was above the average, and some of the most prominent men in Chester county were members of it.

The judge's harsh talk caused a great deal of talk and criticism from all classes of people here today. The judge's charge was clearly in favor of the prosecution.

The public will remember that last spring Henry B Howie, a State constable, was authorized by the State board of control to open a beer dispensary in this city, on the recommendation of the county board. A small number of the citizens here backed up Mr. Walker in his fight against the beer privilege and finally went to Howie's place and purchased a bottle of beer. This was done to make grounds for a test case, as Mr. Walker termed it.

Under criminal proceedings Howie was closed up, as a blind tiger keeper would have been.

The proper way for Walker to have proceeded would have been to institute "quo warranto" to see whether or not Howie held the office of beer dispenser legally or not. This Mr Walker did not do, and was accused by Howie of nosing and meddling into a business he had nothing to do with. A great many of the good people of Chester agreed with Howie in this opinion. A great deal of talk pro and con went the rounds.

Finally, Howie, on the advice of his attorney and the chairman of the board of control, went to Walker and asked him to withdraw the warrant, and promised if he would do so he (Howie) would desist in the beer privilege

matter. At this meeting words passed thick and fast between Walker and Walker, and finally Walker shot Walker in the arm, then went to the jail and gave up to the sheriff. He was released on bond, and the case was continued from the June term of court until now.

A. M. A.

The parade, at noon next Wednesday, given by "A Jay from Jaysville" company, is said to be a very funny affair and will doubtless be witnessed by a large crowd. It will be by the "Jaysville Band" of 20 pieces which is one of the best musical organizations on the road. In addition to the Band there will be the "rube" bicycle rider who accomplishes many difficult feats, the Drum Major, the funny Dutchman, and the old "Jay" himself with his whiskers and carpet-bag, right in the lead.

H W Marcus, a blacksmith, attempted to commit suicide at Camden Thursday by taking laudanum.

Miss Sallie Harris was thrown from a buggy by a runaway horse in Greenville county last Wednesday afternoon and killed.

Ed Sellers, col, was shot and killed at a negro party near Cheraw, Wednesday night.

The Southern Cotton Spinners Association which met in Charlotte Thursday passed resolutions demanding an open door policy in China with the commerce of all nations. Also a cable to the far East, early conclusion of the Philippine war and the construction, without delay, of an Isthmian ship canal.

Commission Secured by the Heath Grocery Company.

Some days ago The State told of another new wholesale house that proposed to begin business here. The facts were stated at the time. Yesterday the commission was obtained from the secretary of state for the Heath Grocery company of Columbia, to do a general wholesale grocery and commission business. The capital stock is to be \$25,000, divided into shares at \$100 each. The incorporators are M C Heath, W K Duffie and G H Parks, all of this city — The State.

### THAT THROBBING HEADACHE.

Would quickly leave you, if you used Dr King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved their matchless merit for Sick and Nervous Headaches. They make pure blood and strong nerves and build up your health. Easy to take. Try them. Only 25 cts. Money back if not cured. Sold by Crawford Bros Druggists.

## Have You Seen OUR NEW STOCK?

Do you want to see a big stock of PRETTY GOODS, GOOD GOODS AND CHEAP GOODS?

DO YOU WANT A CLOCK OR WATCH? We have 8-day clocks \$2.00 to \$10.00, in Walnut, Oak, Marble, Iron, Dresden or any kind of case desired. Our \$2.00 guaranteed watch is the best in the world for the money. And we have a new lot of Rings in 14s with sets for 1.00 worth \$2.00.

DON'T NEGLECT YOUR EYES. They are worth more to you than the few cents it will take to have glasses fitted. We are prepared to fit all kinds.

Ask to see the elegant Plain White China when you come to see us. We have everything you want in the gold band goods at \$1.10 for 18 pieces, \$1.25 for 20 pieces.

JUST ARRIVED. A large line Solid Silver-ware. Elegant and cheap. OUR GUNS are moving and if you expect to get one at the reduced price you will have to come soon. We have Shell, Wads, Primers, Smokeless Powder and everything in the line. We have another cask of those thick Goblets to offer at 20 cts a set.

REMEMBER. We always save you money on all our lines, but especially on SCHOOL BOOKS, and we keep a large stock all the time.

COME TO SEE US, whether you buy or not. We are glad to have you round.

## B. C. HOUGH & CO.

P. S. We are agents for the Celebrated Jones Umbrella Cover, and can fit any style frame, cheap. LANCASTER, S. C., Oct. 18, 1899—td.

## WRONG AGAIN!! WHO? SOLOMON. WHY??

Because he said that all is vanity and that can't be right because there is the new store of

## PORTER BROS.

and that is plumb full of the nicest stock of goods you ever laid your eyes on. Not a bit of vanity about it. Most of those nice new goods that Mr. Porter bought and selected himself are in new and the shelves in their neat store room are laden with the handsomest goods ever brought to Lancaster in all its glorious history. A gentleman bought one of those hats we were talking about last week and looked so well in it that he thought he was one of the returned heroes of Manila Bay, and one of the ladies who purchased a pair of those shoes dreamed that she had found Cinderella's slippers, because it made her feel so spry.

And, gentlemen, we just want you to see

### Our Shirts and Neck Wear:

We have shirts for men in the prime of life. And shirts for the hero that wants him a wife. Shirts with bosoms as white as the driven snow. That open behind or open before. Shirts whose bosoms are plain, or daintily pleted. Whose button holes, arm holes and sleeves are completed by a seamstress who knew just what we were after. For the noble young men of historic old Lancaster.

### And Just Look in Our Show Case at the

Neat black scarf or the cute little tie. Whose beauty will catch any girl's twinkling eye. And she'll think as she looks at this picture so neat. Well; Maybe I think he is looking right sweet?? And if you've found any one that has vowed unto you. We can sell you a tie that will suit you sir too. Always glad to see you Ladies and Gentlemen.

Respectfully,

## PORTER BROS. - THE CHEAP STORE. -

When buying shoes always ask for the COCKADE CITY SHOES. YOU WILL find them to fit and wear to please you. Every pair guaranteed to be solid outer and inner soles. Buy none that are said to be as good, as they are the best wearers made.

Sold in all styles.

Porter Bros.

Tickled because I extracted his tooth without pain. I can do the same for you. Neither pain nor after effects result from my extracting. My methods suggest pleasantness and satisfaction instead.

I've the experience, the "know-how" and the facilities for doing all branches of scientific dentistry at the least cost.

Special attention given to Gold Crown and Bridge Work. No charge for examinations and estimates.

Dr J. E. Rutledge, Dentist. LANCASTER, S. C.

### MONEY TO LOAN.

I HAVE MADE arrangements with brokers in New York City through whom I am able to place loans secured by a first mortgage on improved farms for five years—time payable in installments—at the low rate of 7 per cent. interest per annum. The broker's fee and the charge for abstract and inspection are small and at the expense of the borrower.

R. E. WYLLIE, Attorney at Law.

### NOTICE!

To the Tax Payers of Lancaster County:

The Treasurer's office will be open for the collection of taxes for the fiscal year 1899 from the 16th day of October to the 31st day December 1899.

The levy is as follows:

State,	5	mills,
County,	5	"
C & C R R,	3	"
Retiring C & C R R bonds,	1	"
School,	3	"

### LOCAL LEVY.

S C & Ga. Ex., R R, Gills Creek,	4	mills,
S C & Ga. Ex., R R, Cane Creek,	4	"
S C & Ga. Ex., R R, Pleasant Hill,	3	"
Lancaster Graded School,	4	"
Oakhurst, school,	4	"
Jones X Roads, school,	2	"

### TOTAL LEVY BY DISTRICTS.

Indian Land,	16	mills,
Waxhaw,	16	"
Cane Creek,	21	"
Cane Creek Graded school,	25	"
Cane Creek Jones X Roads,	23	"
Gills Creek,	21	"
Gills Creek Graded,	25	"
Gills Creek Jones X Roads,	23	"
Buford,	16	"
Flat Creek,	16	"
Flat Creek Kershaw,	16	"
Pleasant Hill,	19	"
Pleasant Hill, Kershaw,	19	"
Pleasant Hill, Oakhurst,	23	"
Pleasant Hill, Jones X Roads,	21	"
Cedar Creek,	16	"
Cedar Creek, Jones X Roads,	18	"

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. CAUTHER, Co. Treasurer.

Sept 25, 1899.